



OREGON'S SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY

Coronavirus Resources: Child Care

Sen. Merkley, using his leadership position on the Senate Appropriations Committee, fought hard to make sure the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief funding stabilizes families, workers, small businesses, housing, education, agriculture, and health care. As these resources are distributed, Sen. Merkley's office will keep Oregonians up to date on what in the bill helps individuals and communities, and how to access the resources. He will continue to fight to make sure much-needed aid gets to the people who need it most.

Coronavirus relief to help with child care:

The coronavirus relief bill contains multiple provisions to help American families deal with child care during this difficult time:

- \$3.5 billion in supplemental funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant.
 - This funding will allow child care programs to maintain critical operations, including meeting emergency staffing needs and ensuring first responders and health care workers can access child care while they respond to the pandemic.
- A portion of these child care funds are available to workers deemed essential during the response to coronavirus by public officials, such as people working in health care, sanitation, and emergency response services.
 - In Oregon, this should allow Governor Brown to declare additional categories of workers eligible for emergency child care assistance, including grocery store workers.
 - Further details should be available in the coming weeks.
- \$750 million for Head Start to meet emergency staffing needs.
- \$14.250 billion will be available for higher education emergency relief for institutions of higher education to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Funds may be used for students to cover child care costs.

For updates: Visit merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus for updates on these and other resources as the relief bills are implemented.